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Testimony in support of S.B. 465, AN ACT REQUIRING NEWBORN SCREENING FOR ADRENOLEUKODYSTROPHY.

Honorable Co-Chairmen, Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee;

My name is State Representative Roland Lemar. I am providing a testimony in favor of S.B. 465, AN ACT REQUIRING NEWBORN SCREENING FOR ADRENOLEUKODYSTROPHY. ALD is a devastating genetic disease that in many instances is deadly in small children if not diagnosed early. Pre-screening for this otherwise fatal disease is the most effective manner in saving children's lives. Requiring the pre-screening would not only be the life-saving measure; it would also be cost-effective as one diagnostic test costs only \$1.50. It is imperative that we, as legislators address this issue in order to help those families whose newborns may inherit this deadly and debilitating disease.

I encourage the Committee to favorably consider this proposal.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roland Lemar", written in a cursive style.

Roland Lemar
State Representative